

Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of 2002 Biennial Regulatory Review -
Review of the Commission's Broadcast Ownership Rules
and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202
of the Telecommunications Act of 1996,
Notice of Proposed Rulemaking,
MM Docket No. 02-277, (rel. Sept. 23, 2002)

To: The Secretary, FCC Commissioners, and Chief, Media Bureau

Re: Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media
ownership rules.

I believe that diversity of media ownership is crucial to supporting the
civic need for unbiased news and information reporting. For democracies
to function well there must be believable and available information.
Concentration of ownership of media outlets disrupts the flow of
information and ideas.

The right to carry on informed debate and discussion of current events is
part of the founding philosophy of our nation. Our forefathers believed
that democracy was best served by a diverse marketplace of ideas. If the
FCC allows our media outlets to merge, our ability to have open, informed
discussion with a wide variety of viewpoints will be compromised.

The public interest will best be served by preserving media ownership
rules in question in this proceeding.

I support the FCC's plan to hold a public hearings on this matter. I
strongly encourage the Commission to hold hearings in all parts of the
country and solicit the widest possible participation from the public.

With the serious impact these rule changes will have on our democracy, the
Commission must take the time to review these issues more thoroughly and
allow the American people to have a meaningful say in the process.

Sincerely,

William G. Moul, Jr.